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1. CHINA

PRC ACKNOWLEDGES FOR FIRST TIME (8/12) THAT FERRY DISASTER
TOOK PLACE NINE DAYS AGO NEAR CANTON; BUT PEKING SPOKESMAN
SAYS NO DETAILS AVAILABLE, CANNOT CONFIRM HK REPORTS TWO
VICE-PREMIERS, MINISTER HAD FLOWN TO SCENE (REUTER PEKING).

HK BANK OF AMERICA PUBLICATION REPORTS PRC HAS EXPANDED
TRADE-PROMOTION ACTIVITIES IN EUROPE IN RECENT MONTHS;
FIRST PRC TRADE FAIR IN EUROPE, HELD IN COLOGNE DURING
JUNE, APPEARS COMMERCIAL, POPULAR SUCCESS. SAYS OTHER PRC
DELEGATIONS HAVE VISITED EUROPE RECENTLY, CITING FIRST
SESSION OF CHINESE-NORWEGIAN TRADE COMMISSION IN OSLO
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AND PRESENCE OF PEKING'S REPS AT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
COMMITTEE OF WORLD MINING CONFERENCE IN DUSSELDORF (AFP, WP)

USDA REPORTS PRC OFFICIALS HAVE PUBLISHED CLAIMS OF RECORD

SUMMER GRAIN HARVEST, WITH PRODUCTION INCREASED IN 19 OF 24 PROVINCES CONTRIBUTING TO NEW HIGH IN BOTH TOTAL OUTPUT AND PER HECTARE YIELDS (UPI, JOC). '

IN AUGUST ISSUE, RED FLAG CALLS FOR UNITY AND TOUGHER LEADERSHIP; WARNS OF FACTIONAL DISPUTES, JEALOUSY, CAPITALIST TENDENCIES, LACK OF DISCIPLINE, MILITARY-CIVILIAN RIVALRY, ETC (UPI, NYDN).

2. UN

AS EXPECTED, US MONDAY VETOED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS NVN, SVN BECAUSE UNSC BLOCKED SK APPLICATION (WSJ; AP SUN, PHINQ). STAGE SET FOR CONFRONTATION WITH "THIRD WORLD" AND COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN COMING UNGA SESSIONS (BRALEY, NYDN). US DIPLOMAT EXPLAINS VETOES ON BASIS BELIEF IN UNIVERSALITY, NOT SELECTIVE UNIVERSALITY. UK AMB BERATED UNSC FOR REJECTING SK APPLICATION, BUT CAST FAVORABLE VOTE FOR NVN, SVN (KIRK, CHITRIB).

HOFMANN (NYT) SAYS UNSC SESSION MARKED BY ABUNDANCE RHETORIC, ABSENCE REAL DRAMA. JAPAN'S REP HOPED SK WOULD BE ABLE JOIN AT EARLIEST "APPROPRIATE OCCASION," SUPPORTED APPLICATION BY 2 VNS. IN COURTESY GESTURE, AMB MOYNIHAN WELCOMED BOTH VIET REPS, WHO REMAINED IMPASSIVE.

WP'S BERGER NOTES US STOOD ALONE AGAINST UNSC MAJORITY, POINTED OUT UNSC DENIED SK RIGHT TO HAVE CASE CONSIDERED. BELIEVES MOYNIHAN SPEECH BRIEF BECAUSE WASHINGTON DECIDED PLAY DOWN US VETO. SAYS UN OBSERVERS SUGGEST VETO REPRESENTS HAK'S PERSONAL PIQUE AT FAILURE US POLICY IN VN. QUOTES DIPLOMATS THAT VN REPS PROBABLY WILL BE GIVEN RIGHT SPEAK IN NEXT UNGA SESSION; SVN AMB SAID VETO REPRESENTS CONTINUING US HOSTILITY TOWARD VN PEOPLE, ADDED BOTH SVN, NVN WANT ESTABLISH UNCLASSIFIED

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DIP RELS WITH US CONDITIONAL ON US FULFILLMENT OBLIGATIONS UNDER C- BERGER NOTES USSR, PRC AMBS VIED IN EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR VIETS. ADDS IN OTHER DEVELOPMENT, 35 COMMUNIST, THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES CALLED FOR CONVERION KOREAN ARMISTICE INTO DURABLE PEACE AND FOR REUNIFICATION PENINSULA (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

3. KOREA

REP LESTER WOLFF IN SEOUL MONDAY WARNED AMERICANS DISINCLINED SUPPORT "CERTAIN ALLIES" UNDER TOTALITARIAN RULE. TOLD PRESS PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA, WHICH 11-MAN CODEL ALREADY VISITED, FACE DIFFICULT, CRITICAL SITUATION AFTER INDOCHINA DEBACLE. ADDED US SECURITY PLEDGE TO

ASIA "MUCH REAFFIRMED," BUT HUMAN RIGHTS REMAIN CONTINU-

ING CONCERN TO US PUBLIC THAT QUESTIONS ALLIANCES
WITH TOTALITARIAN REGIMES (AFP, WP).
NK V-P KANG RYANG-OUK ARRIVED NIAMEY MONDAY FOR
THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT, TALKS WITH NIGERIA CHIEF
OF STATE KOUNTCHE (AFP, WP).

4. JAPAN

MIKI RETURNED TOKYO MONDAY, AFTER TALKS WITH PRES,
SECSTATE IN WASHINGTON (AP, WP). TOLD PRESS WAY
AVOID ARMED CONFLICT IN KOREA, VITAL TO JAPANESE
SECURITY, WAS SUBJECT OF MAJOR CONCERN IN SUMMIT
TALKS. SAID "WE AGREED" CONTINUED US TROOP PRESENCE
SK ADVISABLE "FOR TIME BEING" (REUTER, TOKYO).

MIKI LEFT BEHIND "SMALL DUST-UP" IN LA FOR FAILURE
VISIT LITTLE TOKYO, WHERE JAPANESE-AMERICANS RAISED
20,000 DOLS FOR HIS FIRST DIET CAMPAIGN IN 1930S (NYT).

MELVIN LAIRD MAKING "UNOFFICIAL VISIT" JAPAN SEPT 1-4
TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH GOJ, LDP LEADERS ON DEFENSE
COOPERATION, JSDF MODERNIZATION. COINCIDES WITH
SECDEF VISIT, BUT READER'S DIGEST SPOKESMAN SAYS
THIS "MERE COINCIDENCE" (AFP, WP).

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THREE-MAN JCP DELEGATION LEFT BEIRUT MONDAY AFTER 10-
DAY VISIT AT INVITATION PLO (AFP, WP).

V-MIN INTL FINANCE YOSHIDA TOLD FOREIGN PRESS RECENTLY
MANY SUPPORT FIVE-POWER MONETARY SUMMIT PROPOSED BY
GISCARD BECAUSE EXPECT "PSYCHOLOGICAL BRIGHTENING" OF
WORLD ECONOMY, BUT SHOULD NOT EXPECT TOO MUCH. JAPAN
MIGHT AGREE PARTICIPATE, BUT DECISION UP TO MIKI ON
RETURN FROM WASHINGTON (JOC, TOKYO).

JOC'S CULLISON CITES MOT SOURCES WHO SAID MONDAY US,
JAPAN SCHEDULE SHIPPING TALKS IN WASHINGTON, HONOLULU
AUG 13-21. AGENDA INCLUDES US REQUEST USE HIGH-CUBE
CONTAINERS OVERLAND IN JAPAN, US PROPOSAL TO EXPAND
DUAL-RATE SPREAD ON TRANS-PACIFIC ROUTES, AND JAPAN
REQUEST FOR FMC RULING TO PERMIT EXTENSION PRESENT
SPACE CHARTER ARRANGEMENTS BY SIX JAPANESE LINES IN
TRANS-PACIFIC SOUTHWEST TRADE ROUTES.

CULLISON ALSO CITES PRIVATE TALKS WITH AUTO EXECS MONDAY,
WHO OPTIMISTIC TREASURY INVESTIGATION WILL NOT SHOW
DUMPING IN US MARKET. SAYS EXECS BELIEVE BEST POLICY
TO WAIT QUIETLY FOR INVESTIGATION BURN SELF OUT, SINCE

CHARGE BASED ON "EMOTIONAL REACTIONS" OF US CAR MAKERS.

JAPAN AUTO MFRS ASSN SAID MONDAY VEHICLE OUTPUT UP 3.7 PCT FIRST HALF 1975, COMPARED LAST YEAR. RECOVERY DUE MAINLY STEEP INCREASE IN SUB-COMPACTS, WHICH UP 22 PERCENT, TO 2 MILLION UNITS OUT OF TOTAL OF 3.29 MILLION. OUTPUT ALL OTHER TYPES DECLINED (JOC, TOKYO).

MITI SAID MONDAY LICENSED IMPORTS FELL 18 PERCENT IN JULY FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR, TO ABOUT 4.87 BILLION DOL LEVEL. PIG IRON DOWN 86 PERCENT, COPPER ORE 54 PERCENT. IMPORTS FROM LDCS FELL 22 PERCENT (WSJ, TOKYO).

JAPAN'S 1974 BEEF, VEAL PRODUCTION ROSE 31 PERCENT, TO 302,900 MT, PORK UP 11 PERCENT, ACCORDING UK MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION (JOC, LONDON).

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5. INDOCHINA

LAOS FREES ROSEMARY CONWAY, HELD FOR 2 MOS WITHOUT CHARGES. SAYS SHE CONFESSED TO SUBVERSION, ESPIONAGE, BUT WAS RELEASED AS GOODWILL GESTURE TO US (WSJ; NYT, SUN). US EMBASSY DENIES CONWAY WAS AGENT, WHATEVER STATEMENTS SHE SIGNED WHILE DETAINED. ADDS BETTER RELS WOULD DEPEND ON LAOTIAN GOVT'S ACTIONS REGARDING SEIZED USG FACILITIES AND PRIVATE PROPERTY FORMER AID WORKERS (AP, NYDN). CONWAY NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT, HOPES TO LEAVE FOR THAILAND TODAY. OFFICIAL LAO NEWS AGENCY SAYS POLICE BEGIN CAMPAIGN PURGE VIENTIANE OC CIA AGENTS, AGENTS ANTI-GOVT PROPAGANDA, THOSE WHO INCITE LAOTIANS TO MIGRATE (WP).

CHITRIB'S RANDOLPH TELLS STORY OF CHICAGOAN ROSEMARY CONWAY'S ARREST, QUOTES HER BROTHER THAT DOS OFFICIALS TOLD HIM LAST MONTH SHE WAS ARRESTED AS HARASSMENT AGAINST US; BROTHER ADDS SHE WAS "AT THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME."

RADIO PP SAYS ABOUT 70 FACTORIES RESUME PRODUCTION. UNDERGROUND BROADCAST FROM CAMBODIA CLAIMS CLANDESTINE KHMER LIBERATION MOVEMENT -- BELIEVED TO SUPPORT LON NOL -- ATTACKED KR UNIT ON ROAD BETWEEN SIEM REAP, SISOPHON (WP).

JOC'S MANTROP NOTES LOSS OF VN RICE MARKET COULD PUT CRIMP IN '75 EXPORTS, BUT FARMERS LOOK TO OTHER WORLD AREAS.

IN SAIGON, FIRST PRIVATE NEWSPAPER APPEARS SINCE TAKEOVER, DIRECTED BY NGO CONG DUC, FORMER THIEU CRITIC IN VOLUNTARY EXILE SINCE 1971; FIRST EDITORIAL CRITICIZED US INSISTENCE AT UN THAT SVN, NVN MEMBERSHIPS CONDITIONAL ON SK ADMISSION. SVN FONMIN BINH LEFT FOR LIMA AUG 25-29 NONALIGNED CONFERENCE (WP).

6. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

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WSTAR'S PALMER (8/11) WONDERS IF REFUGEES SETTLING INTO DC AREA AT "SATURATION RATE," NOTES DECREASE IN SPONSORS; ABOUT 5000 SO FAR CAME TO REGION. SUN'S DOBBIN (8/11) POINTS OUT RESETTLEMENT IS MORE THAN STATISTICAL EXERCISE, CITES WARNINGS BY VOLAGS, CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE THAT SUCCESSFUL RESETTLEMENT SHOULD NOT BE EQUATED WITH SPEEDY EMPTYING OF CAMPS. MENTIONS CONCERN BEING EXPRESSED THAT PUBLIC INTEREST IN REFUGEES HAS DROPPED SHARPLY SINCE LAST SPRING'S DRAMATIC DAYS.

LAT'S BELCHER/BURKE (8/11) DO LENGTHY PIECE ON REFUGEES CAUGHT IN NEW CROSSFIRE BECAUSE OF STATE, FEDERAL BUREAUCRATIC SNIPING OVER PROGRAM. SEE KEY ISSUE AS HOW MANY REFUGEES MOVING FROM CAMPS ALMOST DIRECTLY TO WELFARE ROLLS. STATE OFFICIAL ESTIMATES CALIFORNIA WILL END UP WITH 80,000 REFUGEES, WITH UP TO 75-PCT ON WELFARE. COMMENT STATES DUBIOUS ABOUT FEDL REIMBURSEMENT GUARANTEES. LAT'S DART (8/11) NOTES SO FAR CHURCHES ARE AMONG MOST RELIABLE SPONSORS.

PASADENA STAR-NEWS REPORTS ABOUT 12,000 VIETS IN REFUGEE CAMPS IN SEA WILL BE BROUGHT TO US. DOS HAS MADE NO ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCH PLANS, AND NUMBER WOULD EXCEED 130,000 LIMIT ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED BY ADMIN (CHITRIB).

7. THAILAND

RTG SAYS WILL WITHDRAW AMB FROM LAOS UNLESS 2 THAI MIL ATTACHES ARRESTED BY LAOTIAN AUTHORITIES FREED IMMEDIATELY (WSJ); STATES ORDERED AMB DELIVER "FINAL PROTEST" AGAINST ARREST (AP, NYT; WP). RTG MFA ADDS BELIEVES THAI-LAO RELS WILL CONTINUE SINCE TWO COUNTRIES "HAVE TO LIVE TOGETHER," BUT AMB WILL BE RECALLED IMMEDIATELY IF NO POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM LAOTIAN GOVT OVER ARRESTS (WP).

8. THAILAND/MALAYSIA

US INTEL ANALYSTS BELIEVE THAILAND, MALAYSIA HAVE ABOUT 18 MOS PREPARE FOR MAJOR COMMUNIST INSURGENCIES. REPORTS

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INDICATE INCREASED INFILTRATION INTO THAILAND SINCE INDOCHINA FELL; MALAYSIA LESS VULNERABLE, BUT INSURGENTS THERE MORE AGGRESSIVE IN RECENT MONTHS, HAVE SENT AGENTS OBTAIN ARMS CAPTURED BY INDOCHINA COMMUNISTS. BY EARLY 1977, COMMUNISTS WILL HAVE CONSOLIDATED CONTROL IN VN, LAOS, BE READY FOR MAJOR EFFORT PROMOTE INSURGENCY IN OTHER SEA COUNTRIES. THAI OFFICIALS TRY ACHIEVE LIVE-LET-LIVE ARRANGEMENT WITH VIETS, COURT PRC SUPPORT. MALAYSIA REPORTEDLY EXPANDS ARMY, POLICE, VILLAGE GUARD FORCES. US OFFICIALS SAID CRITICAL OF RTG ARMED FORCES FOR FAILURE SUPPRESS LOW-LEVEL INSURGENCY; ALSO UNHAPPY WITH THAI FAILURE IMPROVE ECON, OTHER CONDITIONS IN IMPOVERISHED NE PROVS (AP WSTAR, BALTO N-A 8/11).

9. TIMOR

PORTUGUESE PRESIDENCY SAYS MODERATE TIMOR DEMOCRATIC UNION (UDT) HAS DELIVERED ULTIMATUM TO TIMOR'S PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES DEMANDING IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE, IMPRISONMENT OF ALL MEMBERS RADICAL REVOLUTIONARY FRONT, UDT'S MAIN RIVAL. AUSTRALIAN SPOKESMAN SAYS GOV TIMOR WILL MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF COLONY'S RIVAL INDEPENDENCE 8/12 IN CAPITAL. UDT CONTROLS HARBOR, MAIN POLICE STATION, OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS; PORTUGUESE TROOPS TOLD NOT TO INTERFERE (REUTER).

INDONESIAN SOURCES REPORT TIMOR COUP CARRIED OUT BY CONSERVATIVE, LARGELY ROMAN CATHOLIC, PRO-INDEPENDENCE POLITICAL PARTY, BUT NOT DIRECTED AGAINST PORTUGUESE RULE (NYT). MALIK DECLARED 8/11 GOI WOULD PROVIDE PROTECTION TO TIMOR'S PEOPLE SHOULD THEY WISH JOIN INDONESIA (AP, NYT).

LISBON 8/11 CONFIRMED REPORTS POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN TIMOR, BUT DENIED THIS REPRESENTED COUP (UPI, WP; REUTER, NYT).

KAMM (NYT) IN INDONESIA TIMOR, STATES BOTH SIDES TIMOR EQUALLY UNDERDEVELOPED; FINDS MORE SIMILARITIES THAN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PORTUGUESE-CONTROLLED HALF AND INDONESIAN CONTROLLED HALF. PRIMITIVE SANITATION, POOR TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT CHARACTERIZE ISLAND.

10. AUSTRALIA

DEFMIN MORRISON TELLS UN, US TOP OFFICIALS, GOA VIGOROUSLY UNCLASSIFIED

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OPPOSES ANY COMPETITIVE BUILDUP US, SOVIET NAVAL FORCES IN INDIAN OCEAN. ADDS GOA DETERMINED AVOID "OVERSEAS ADVENTURIST POLICIES," BUT SAYS GOA READY RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR PEACE-KEEPING MILITARY FORCES AS PART OF RESTRUCTURING OWN DEFENSES (ANABLE, CSM).

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AUSTRALIA'S PROPOSED MUILTI-MIL DOL PETROCHEMICAL PLANT
SCRAPPED DUE TO SPIRALING COSTS. ALCOA AUSTRALIA, ICI
AUSTRALIA, JAPAN'S MITSUBISHI SAY "ADVERSE FACTORS,
PARTICULARLY INFLATION" CAUSED DECISION (STOVE, JOC).

AUSTRALIA HOPES EXPAND US BEEF EXPORTS NEXT YR, AFTER HAV-
ING AGREED LIMIT SALES THIS YR. AUSTRALIAN MEAT BOARD
CHRMN EXPECTS ADDITIONAL QUOTA FOR US MARKET BEFORE YR
ENDS (JOC).

11. PHILIPPINES

DOS SAYS US WILL USE PHIL BASES IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING
AGREEMENT UNTIL NEW ONE NEGOTIATED (AP, PHINQ).

12. HONG KONG

FINANCE SEC SAYS HK'S SLUMPING TRADE SHOWING RECOVERY
SIGNS, BUT ESTIMATES ZERO GROWTH FOR DOMESTIC PRODUCT THIS
YR; CAUTIONS 1976 MAY NOT SEE RAPID ECONOMIC GROWTH AS
MANY ECONOMISTS EXPECT (STRAUSS, JOC).

13. TAHITI

THREE AMCITS ARRESTED 8/11 AT TAHITI AIRPORT ON CHARGES
SMUGGLING 1.4 MIL DOLS WORTH COCAINE IN SUITCASES (UPI, NYDN)

14. GENERAL

PRES FORD DROPS PLANS VISIT INDIA AFTER PROPOSED PRC VISIT
THIS YR. WH STAFFERS NOW STUDYING OTHER STOPOVERS, IN-
CLUDING PHILS, INDONESIA, SINGAPORE, AUSTRALIA, NZ (REUTER,
LAT 8/11).

JOC REPORTS MALAYSIA LEADS PALM OIL EXPORTS, PRODUCING
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55 PCT WORLD'S OUTPUT. INDONESIA PRESENTLY SECOND LARGEST
EXPORTER, EXPECTED REMAIN SO IN 1980. INCREASED ASIAN USE
PALM OIL SEEN CONTINUING TREND DUE TO FAVORABLE PRICE DIF-
FERENTIALS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

15. CHINA

TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S MUNRO, IN PEKING, SAYS DESPITE
DISPATCH OF PLA TO HANGCHOW FACTORIES, NEW RED FLAG
CALL FOR PARTY UNITY, AND RECEIPT AT PEKING FOREIGN
EMBASSIES OF HANDBILLS ATTACKING TENG HSIAO-PING,
EVIDENCE IS TOO FLIMSY TO HERALD NEW PERIOD OF DISRUPTION

AND DISSENT. ACTUALLY, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE EVIDENCE PRC LEADERSHIP IS SATISFIED WITH STATE OF AFFAIRS, FEELS THINGS ARE GENERALLY MOVING SMOOTHLY (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

ON OTHER HAND, NYT'S BUTTERFIELD, IN HK, CONTENDS SERIES OF BROADCASTS FROM HANGCHOW IN LAST FEW DAYS INDICATES PRC LEADERS VIEWED HANGCHOW SITUATION WITH EVEN MORE SERIOUSNESS THAN WAS FIRST SUPPOSED. CAREFUL READING OF NEWS BROADCASTS AND JENMIN JIH PAO ARTICLE SHOWS TROOPS SENT TO CITY MUST HAVE COME FROM FIRST ARMY IN WUHAN--MOVE HIGHLY UNUSUAL IN CHINA, WHERE MOST ARMY UNITS REMAIN STATIONED IN HOME AREAS FOR YEARS AND BUILD UP STRONG LOCAL TIES (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

16. JAPAN

PHINQ (8/9) NOTES NEITHER FORD NOR MIKI MENTIONED HIROSHIMA A-BOMB, EVEN THOUGH MET ON 30TH ANNIVERSARY AUG 6. UNLIKE NIXON YEARS WHEN JAPAN REELED UNDER REPEATED "SHOCKS," STATES NO EXAGGERATION TODAY TO SAY, AS HABIB DID, THAT US-JAPAN RELATIONS "HAVE NEVER BEEN BETTER." DECLARES "UNIQUELY FRIENDLY" US-JAPAN RELATIONS IS NEWS, "AND VERY GOOD NEWS INDEED."

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LAT RAN FAMILIAR ANIMAL WELFARE INST "SAVE THE WHALES" AD TO COINCIDE WITH MIKI VISIT (8/9). AD CALLED FOR BOYCOTT JAPANESE, SOVIET GOODS.

CSM NOTES ADMIN, CONGRESS ON "COLLISION COURSE" OVER HOW PROTECT RIGHTS US OFFSHORE FISHERMEN. CITES HAK AT ABA IN MONTREAL SAYING "FIRMLY OPPOSED" TO CONGRESSIONAL ACTION EXTEND US FISHING RIGHTS 200 MILES OFFSHORE, PREFERS DEVELOP INTL CONSENSUS IN LOS CONFERENCE. ALSO CITES SOURCES CLOSE REP STUDDS (MASS) WHO SAY RESOURCES WOULD BE VASTLY DEPLETED BY JAPANESE, SOVIET FISHERMEN WHILE NEGOTIATORS ARGUE.

JAMESON (LAT 8/9) DESCRIBES HOW JAPANESE RED ARMY RECRUITS MEMBERS AMONG DISGRUNTLED, LONELY YOUTH IN JAPAN- RECALLS INTERVIEW GIVEN YOMIURI MAY 25 "SOMEWHERE IN MIDEAST" BY JRA INSPIRATION FUSAKO SHIGENOBU WHO SAID THEY HAVE ONLY BUY ONE-WAY TICKET OUT OF JAPAN AND MAKE WISHES KNOWN -- WILL BE CONTACTED BECAUSE "WE HAVE THAT KIND OF NETWORK EVERYWHERE." NOTES PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS HAVE GIVEN JRA SANCTUARY, MONEY, WEAPONS, MILITARY TRAINING.

FROM NAHA, JAMESON (LAT 8/19) DESCRIBES HOW DIFFERENT TRADITIONS OF ONE MILLION OKINAWANS AND FRICTIONS DATING BACK CENTURIES INCREASE THEIR SENSE OF "SEPARATENESS" FROM 114 MILLION JAPANESE. CITES OKINAWA TIMES EDITORIAL WRITER SEIYU UEMA THAT MAINLAND HASTE HAS COME TO CASUAL OKINAWA, INCREASING COMPETITION AND REDUCING HUMAN CHARM. SURMISES THIS COULD EXPLAIN INCREASING FRUSTRATIONS FELT ON BOTH SIDES AS MAINLAND TOURISTS FLOCK TO POST-REVERSION OKINAWA TO SEE OCEAN EXPO.

AFP (LAT 8/9) NOTES SOVIET MOVIE "DERSU UTALA" ABOUT NATIVE HUNTER IN E SIBERIA, DIRECTED BY AKIRA KUROSAWA, ADDING FUEL TO SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE. PRC CLAIMS FILM HAS ANTI-CHINESE OVERTONES, AND TOKYO JAPAN-CHINA FRIENDSHIP ASSN COMPLAINS FILM DEPICTS CHINESE AS "EVIL PEOPLE" WHO MALTREAT MINORITY RACE, RESORT TO MURDER, ARSON. PRC EMBASSY TOKYO ISSUED LEAFLET TWO MONTHS AGO CHARGING MOVIE INTENDED JUSTIFY RUSSIAN UNCLASSIFIED

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CONQUEST OF CHINA. LITERATURNAYA GASETA LABELED PEKING CHARGE NONSENSE, SAID PRC COMPLAINS WHENEVER RUSSIAN WORKS WITH JAPANESE. JAPANESE VIEWERS FAIL NOTICE POINT OF DISPUTE.

DIANA LOERCHER (CSM) IN NYC INTERVIEWS KYUZO MURATA, KEEPER OF IMPERIAL BONSAI COLLECTION, WHO VISITED WASHINGTON TO OBSERVE 50 BONSAI TREES GOJ PRESENTED NATIONAL ARBORETUM AS BICENTENNIAL GIFT. CITES MURATA THESIS THAT DWARF TREES LIVE LONGER THAN NATURAL COUNTERPARTS BECAUSE PRUNING REJUVENATES THEM.

17. KOREA

CHITRIB (8/9) DECLARES UNSC DENIAL OF SK REQUEST FOR ADMISSION DISPLAYED "PETTINESS UTTERLY UNWORTHY" OF INTL BODY, EVEN ONE AS CONSISTENTLY BIASED AS UN. SINCE UNSC READILY AGREED PLACE NVN, SVN APPLICATIONS ON AGENDA, ASKS IF COMMUNIST CONTROL IS CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION. DEPLORES "UNCONSCIONABLE DISCRIMINATION" BASED ON IDEOLOGY, WELCOMES US INTENT TO VETO OTHER TWO BECAUSE SK BLACKBALLED. SUPPORTS MOYNIHAN STATEMENT THAT US SHOULD NOT PLAY ALONG WITH NATIONS TURNING UN INTO CIRCUS.

18. INDOCHINA

WSTAR'S MCGRORY SAYS US STILL CAN'T SWALLOW VC VICTORY, SEES REPRISAL GUIDING RECENT UN VETO AS WELL AS TURN-DOWN AFSC REQUEST LICENSES SHIP VN GOODS. QUOTES HABIB

ON ACTION IN UN. SAYS MAY BE LONG TIME BEFORE US

WILLING SIT DOWN AS EQUALS WITH VC REP. BELIEVES SVN SWITCH FROM MIL TO CIVILIAN GOVT WOULD INCREASE PRESSURE FOR RECOGNITION FROM US BUSINESS COMMUNITY, VOLAGS, THOSE WITH RELATIVES IN VN, SOME CONGRESSMAN. QUOTES UNHCR THAT "NO DOUBTS" ABOUT REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES WHO WANT RETURN, BUT PRG HAS OTHER PRIORITIES RIGHT NOW. OPINES, WITH RECOGNITION, MANY MORE WOULD PROBABLY RETURN. ADDS THAT RECOGNITION WOULD BE IN SELF-INTEREST, BE HUMANITARIAN.
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PROF LOEWENHEIM OF RICE U (NYT) BELIEVES CHARGES AGAINST THOSE INVOLVED IN POST-WW II POLICY IN FE POISONED US POLITICS FOR OVER DECADE. PRAISES DOCUMENTARY VOLUMES PUT OUT BY DOS HISTORICAL OFFICE. BELIEVES TIME HAS COME COLLECT, PUBLISH FULL DOCUMENTARY HISTORY OF US INVOLVEMENT IN SEA TO END DEBATE, RESOLVE ARGUMENTS ABOUT VN WAR (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

HEARST'S KINGSBURY SMITH (BALTO N-A 8/11) SEES NVN EXTENDING DOMINATION OVER LAOS, BASED ON WEST EUR DIP REPORTS FROM VIENTIANE. QUOTES REPORTS THAT 60,000 NVA TROOPS OCCUPY LAOS, WITH RECENT MOVE OF DIV FROM SVN. SAYS TROOPS MASSING AROUND PAKSE IN WHAT APPEARS THREAT TO KR REGIME IN CAMBODIA, SINCE LATTER APPEAR PEKING-ORIENTED, INTENSELY NATIONALISTIC, OPPOSED NVN DOMINATION. SAYS PL IS NVN PUPPET, AND NVN SEEMS HAVE USSR SUPPORT IN ATTEMPT GAIN CONTROL ALL INDOCHINA. QUOTES WESTERN DIPS IN PEKING THAT PRC OPPOSES NVN DOMINATION INDOCHINA, EVEN VIEWS WITH MISGIVINGS IMPOSITION NVN RULE OVER SVN WHICH PEKING SUPPORTED. PRC SUSPECTS SOVIET USING NVN AS TOOL TO EXTEND INFLUENCE IN SEA, CLAIMS HAVE INFO INDICATING USSR WANTS NAVAL BASE AT CAM RANH, BROADCASTS THAT 'SOVIET SOCIAL-IMPERIALISTS' WANT TAKE PLACE "US IMPERIALISM" IN SEA.

19. GENERAL

SZULC (NEW REPUBLIC, AUG 2 & 9) CONCLUDES US HAS BEEN BEHAVING RATHER REALISTICALLY IN ASIA SINCE INDOCHINA DEBACLE: AVOIDED HYSTERIA WHEN THAIS, PHILS ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH PEKING, AND WAS NOT TOO DISTURBED WHEN BANGKOK, MANILA MOVED TO REVISE MIL AGREEMENTS WITH US. NOTES EA'S "VERY ABLE" HABIB RECENTLY RETURNED FROM TRIP WITH STRONG IMPRESSION MOST ASIANS WANT US PLAY MAJOR ROLE IN REGION FOR GREAT MANY YEARS. EMERGING US POLICY IS TO REMAIN DEEPLY ENGAGED IN EA,

BUT NO LONGER IN OVERPOWERING WAY OF LAST FEW DECADES. MIL/ECON AID WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO WISH IT,
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US MIL POWER WILL BE DEPLOYED IN PACIFIC AND US SHOWING
SUPPORT FOR ASEAN. WASHINGTON HOPES RETAIN FOOTHOLD
IN LAOS, AND HAK HAS NOT FORECLOSED POSSIBILITY OF
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONSHIP WITH VNS. ODDLY, ONE OF MOST
DIFFICULT POLICY PROBLEMS MAY INVOLVE JAPANESE, WHO SEE
THEMSELVES CAUGHT IN SINO-SOVIET RIVALRY, AND SEEM
BEREFT OF FRESH IDEAS, PLACING MOST OF BURDEN ON US
POLITICAL CREATIVITY. KISSINGER

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